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Searching for Scholarships



Federal Sources

U.S. Department of Education

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

U.S. Armed Forces



State and Institutional Sources

Insert URL for state aid agency

Insert URLs for institutions



Private Sources

- Foundations
- Community organizations and civic groups
- Religious or ethnicity-based organizations
- Organizations related to student's field
- Local businesses and employers



Internet Research Tools



Typical On-line Scholarship Search

- http://studentaid.gov/types/grants-scholarships/findingscholarships
- Never pay for scholarship searches
- Always use free searches!
- Other resources available



Typical On-line Scholarship Search

- Pay close attention to application deadlines
- Guidelines on when and how to apply
- Department of Labor scholarship search engine:

http://www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/ScholarshipCategory.asp?search/scholarshipCategory&nodeid=22



Typical On-line Scholarship Search

- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.unigo.com/scholarships
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-forcollege/grants-scholarships
- http://www.goodcall.com/scholarships/search



Avoiding Financial Aid Fraud



Fraud Warning Signs

Students unaware of free resources

 Students pay for help or "guaranteed" aid before seeking advice from knowledgeable adult



Common Fraud Complaints

- Paying for guaranteed aid and not receiving anything
- Paying for help to find aid
- Paying to file the FAFSA



Resources for Avoiding Financial Aid Fraud



Resources

- Save Your Money, Save Your Identity <u>http://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/save-your-money-and-identity.pdf</u>
- Don't Get Scammed On Your Way To College: <u>http://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/dont-get-scammed.pdf</u>
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or <u>http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams</u>

- 1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733)
- Formal Feedback or to File a Complaint: <u>https://feedback.studentaid.ed.gov</u>



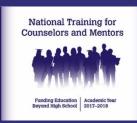
Federal Trade Commission Site

- http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/
- File a Consumer Complaint
- Report Identity Theft
- Get Your Free Credit Report
- Order Free Resources



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